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- Following a cabinet decree, dated 8 April 1953, the Ministry of Traffic was dissolved while the directorates general of shipping, railroads and motor traffic and road building were made state secretariats. Ernst Wallweber, formerly state secretary at the Ministry of Traffic, was appointed State Secretary of Shipping and took over on 13 April 1953. Walter Kott, formerly general manager at the Directorate General, Shipping, was scheduled to become main section chief at the State Secretariat of Shipping while Wilhelm Schulze, who had been head of the first main section at the Directorate General, Shipping, was dismissed on the ground that while working at the State Secretariat for Commerce and Supply he had cooperated with Minister Georg Handke. He was scheduled to be succeeded by Karl Salchow, who had been manager of the East German Sea Shipping Company. Anton Fischbach, formerly cultural manager at the Directorate General, Shipping, who was charged with having emigrated to a western country during the Nazi regime, was also scheduled to be dismissed.

- The Kontroll- und Koordinierungsstelle fuer Industrie und Verkehr (Control and Coordination Office for Industry and Traffic) will assume responsibility for the coordination of the various traffic systems including shipping, railroads, and automotive traffic and was annexed to the Office of the Minister-President.

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- Comment: The former Generaldirektion Reichsbahn (Directorate General, Railroads) (DR) was not made a State Secretariat, but will be made a Ministry of Railroads.

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